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When the Saint Joseph's College Council of Fellows began a fundraising campaign to restore the ninety-year-old stained-glass windows in the Saint Joseph's Chapel, they knew that the windows were a well-loved feature of the College. Enthusiasm for the Chapel Windows Project, however, has somewhat exceeded expectations. The \$250,000 needed to restore the windows, \$50,000 more than originally estimated, was raised in one year, and the restorations are already well underway. Sixty-five new Fellows were inducted into the Program in June as a result of the project. At the last annual Fellows dinner, where the success of the project was celebrated, these new Fellows were greeted by the largest turnout in recent memory. "This project captured the spirit of the Fellows," says K. P. McClanahan, Vice President of Institutional Advancement and Marketing. "The response has been truly overwhelming."

In talking with the families who have chosen to adopt a particular window, it is clear that the excitement about the project lies, in part, in the connection they feel with the Chapel and in the opportunity to become a part of the Chapel's rich history. John Egan, Chair of the Council of Fellows, explains that his family adopted the St. Rose of Lima window because of its significance for them. Both Egan and his mother attended St. Rose of Lima in Lima, Ohio. "St. Rose is a venerable parish, which has been around for about 110 years," he notes, "and I am passionate about the places I have been." Egan's most meaningful connection with the St. Rose window, however, is that it invokes the memory of his grandmother, Rose. "She was my mentor. An advocate of lifelong learning . . . Had I not had the connections with Lima, I would still have chosen the window for my grandmother, Rose."

Egan comments on the spirit of community that the Chapel Windows Project fosters. "Each window was given by a family in the first place. It's appropriate now that the restoration is made family by family as well," he says. "Saint Joe prides itself on being a family, which is, in turn, made up of families."

One of the many families who feel a strong connection with Saint Joseph's College is the family of **Ken and Margaret**

Ahler, who adopted the St. Augustine window. "Our family has always been connected with Saint Joe," says Margaret Ahler. "Both my husband and I graduated from the College, and I have two brothers who also graduated from Saint Joe. The College has always been a part of our lives, so contributing to the Chapel Windows Project was an easy thing to do." Ken Ahler notes that the project was an "excellent opportunity to involve the family. . . . Now all of our children and grandchildren are Fellows. We are very happy and proud about that."

For **Jim Funk**, a Saint Joseph's College alum from the class of 1973, the opportunity to contribute as part of the Funk family was important. "A number of Funks have attended St. Joe over the years," he says. He explains that members of his family now live in Indianapolis, Chicago, and New Jersey, but that adopting a window was a way to recognize the family and their ancestors with a gift that is rooted in a sense of place. "For me it seemed fitting to select this project to support because of the important role the Chapel plays in the life of students, faculty, parents and alumni."

Richard Scharf also emphasizes the central role of the Chapel at the College. "When I was a student at Saint Joseph's from 1934-38, we lived quite a religious life," he says. He describes a day which revolved around mass and prayer at the Chapel. "It was an important part of our lives," he remembers. Together, Helen Kraud and Scharf, a long-time Saint Joseph's College Coach and Athletic Director for whom the College Fieldhouse is named, adopted a window which was originally the gift of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Scharf, Richard's distant relatives. Scharf says he was happy to be able to make a family connection while contributing to the Windows Project. The Scharf window, located in the Chapel vestibule, is the first to be fully restored.

As the restoration process continues, the stories of these families become a part of the windows themselves. The Chapel, at the heart of the daily lives of those on Saint Joseph's campus, becomes a reminder of the many friends and families who continue to be the spirit of Saint Joseph's college.



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data will then be used to make recommendations to the state about which species should be added to the endangered species list. Brodman notes the importance of student work in the project. "The student work is invaluable for the project and is great experience for them," he notes. "Their data is being used by the state and has the potential to be published."

Many of Brodman's students are indeed getting published as a result of their coursework. His Amphibian Ecology program encourages Juniors and Seniors to take independent study courses to analyze the data they collected in their Freshman and Sophomore years, and these projects often yield significant findings. Jaskula's first publication, which is forthcoming, originated in work she had conducted while in the program. Her article, co-authored with Brodman, presents valuable information about salamander behavior that could help protect the species.

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Engagements

Cynthia I. Mucha '88 engaged to Robert A. Barton. An October 21, 2000 wedding is being planned.

Victoria Munk '90 engaged to David Moisa. A September 2001 wedding is being planned.

Michael McCarthy '91 engaged to Allison Kachkowski. A September 28, 2000 wedding is being planned.

Kimberly K. Chrustowski '96 engaged to **Mike Swanson '96**. A November 4, 2000 wedding is being planned.

Andrew Michael Hicks '98 engaged to **Sara Christine Kloczek '98**. A January 6, 2001 wedding is being planned.

Vanessa Sobolewski '98 engaged to Chris George. An August 19, 2000 wedding is being planned.

Marriages

Michael J. Doody '68 and Mari Beth Crowe, 04/13/00.

Kevin J. Banet '77 and Dawn Marie Cyzen, 11/27/99.

Diane Jacob '78 and Anthony Buttitta, 06/26/99.

Linda Serpico '83 and Bryon Cross, 03/00.

Tim (Milo) Miloserny '86 and Lea Ann Ritcey, 06/03/99.

David Werner '90 and Denise Kaminski, 08/23/97.

Steve A. Kreigbaum '92 and Jennifer Dawn Marion, 01/22/00.

Amy Kathleen Clark '93 and Randy Stutzman, 04/07/00.

Brian Skeen '93 and Julie Kozicki, 09/14/96.

Suzanne Hayes '94 and Jeffrey K. Schlueter, 10/24/98.

Edward Balas '95 and **Molly Boyle '95**, 03/04/00.

Dena Jo Gaumer '96 and Heath Camp, 09/06/97.

Carolyn Groen '97 and Nicholas Hartley, 06/27/00.

Maureen Connor '97 and Joe Eleff, 05/06/00.

Martin Dykas '98 and **Cynthia J. Rinke '97**, 06/17/00.

Jennifer Mantz '98 and Antonio L. Vélez, 10/30/99.

Kevin Michael Egan '99 and Michelle Nicole Stuckey, 05/20/00.

Births

George S. W. Hoselton to **Steve '83** and Connie Wilson **Hoselton**, 03/21/95.

John Thomas Bryant to John and **Deb (McIntee) Bryant '84**, 04/01/00.

Julia Rose Alvey to Steve and **Kristie (Price) Alvey '86**, 08/27/99.

Phillip John Baggio to **John '87** and Donna **Baggio**, 04/20/00.

Abigail Brooke Chronister 07/01/98 and Evan Wilson Chronister 04/23/00 to David and **Kristine (Lavery) Chronister '87**.

William Freiburger to **John '87** and Jane **Freiburger**.

Andrew Robert Montgomery to Brad and **Cindy (Harding) Montgomery '87**, 03/14/00.

Daniel Francis Collins to **James M. '88** and Catherine **Collins**, 03/15/00.

Nicholas John Pikarski to **John '88** and Teriann **Pikarski**, 03/04/00.

Nicholas Lynn Hershberger to Mike and **Audra M. (Nevorski) Hershberger '89**, 06/09/00.

Jacob Mathew Horvat to **Joseph J. '90** and Beth **Horvat**, 01/04/99.

Kara Jeanne Strong to Mark and **Jennifer (Nagel) Strong '90**, 03/02/00.

Carolyn Margaret Vittorio to Jeff and **Aimee (Karcz) Vittorio '90**, 10/25/99.

Brennan Michael Werner to **David '90** and Denise **Werner**, 04/16/99.

Caroline Roisin Bonczyk to **Mike '91** and **Katey (Spence) Bonczyk '93**, 09/03/99.

Paul Donald Petro to Rob and **Christine (Cowan) Petro '91**, 05/24/00.

Angela Mary Quinn to **John V. '91** and **Kathy (Hicks) Quinn '94**, 04/07/00.

Maeve Evelyn Randall born 03/01/00 adopted by **Mark '91** and **Colleen (Boyle) Randall '92**, 03/09/00.

Sydney D. Utterback to **Tim '91** and **Pamela (Wilder) Utterback '91**, 01/20/00.

Samantha Lily Wiacek to **Scott '91** and **Lynn (Wright) Wiacek '92**, 04/23/00.

Brady Patrick Williams to **Pat '91** and Rae Anne **Williams**, 12/02/99.

Jackson Thomas Heintz to **Cindy (Stibich) Heintz '92**, 04/25/00.

Patrick Armand Mills to **Eric '92** and Sundai Mills, 04/04/00.

Daniel Gerald Mohan 11/18/97 and Nicole Lynn Mohan 08/20/99 to **James '92** and **Suzanne (Sesek) Mohan '92**.

Tyce Andrew Taylor to **Patrick A. '92** and Kim **Taylor**, 10/28/99.

Jamie Elizabeth Wells to Mike and **Pam (Nobbe) Wells '92**, 05/12/00.

Liam Glennon Hayes to William '93 and **Patricia (Glennon) Hayes '93**, 01/22/00.

Molly Ann Roeder to Jason and **Kristin (Rice) Roeder '93**, 02/26/00.

Jacob Donald Shewmaker to Chris and **Julie (Obermeyer) Shewmaker '93**, 05/03/00.

Sarah Emily Webber to **Rick '93** and Denise **Webber**, 09/25/99.

Jack Martin Holleran to **Brian '94** and **Kimberlee (Dudeck) Holleran '92**, 06/27/98.

Marleigh Elyse Bishop to Brad and **Sara (Burman) Bishop '95**, 03/17/00.

David Lashbrooke, Jr. to David and **Lisa (Heck) Lashbrooke '95**, 05/12/00.

Cheyenne Lynn Camp to Heath and **Dena Jo (Gaumer) Camp '96**, 08/18/98.

Evan Michael Creager to **Chad '97** and **Michelle (Heilman) Creager '97**, 11/10/99.

Tayla Alease Haas to **Darren '97** and **Tamari (Hubbard) Haas '97**, 06/23/00.

Ryan Neil Osborne to **John '97** and **Amber (Dossett) Osborne '98**, 01/18/00.

Deaths

Edward A. Heinz '20, Date Unknown.

Carl A. Boehnlein '29, 02/10/00.

Reverend Florian Hartke, C.P.P.S. '29, 04/07/00.

Monsignor William J. Voors '33, 03/09/00.

Lawrence A. Bloemer, Sr. '34, Date Unknown

Reverend Richard Hoshock '34, 04/02/00.

John F. Alt '39, 1/00.

Edward R. Kasper '39, Date Unknown.

Carroll D. Blackwell '41, Date Unknown.

Edward J. Bubala '42, Date Unknown.

Mark P. Fecher '42, 07/31/99.

William E. Kennedy, Jr. '42, 12/24/99.

John B. Keehner '43, Date Unknown.

Paul Edward Brunton '44, 05/17/00.

Richard A. Chrosniak '46, Date Unknown.

James F. Welter '46, Date Unknown.

Reverend Clifford A. Riede '49, 6/00.

Arthur S. Brophy '50, 06/04/00.

Richard Causland '50, 4/00.

Chester Joseph Jendryk '50, 04/05/00.

James C. Quinlivan '50, Date Unknown.

James W. Scholl, M.D. '51, 04/22/00.

Salvatore V. Squicquero '51, 12/28/99.

Brother Andrew Mullen, C.P.P.S. '54, 06/02/00.

Joseph J. Baldin '58, 05/21/00.

A. J. "Joe" Quigley '65, 07/29/97.

Daniel E. Connell, Jr. '70, 04/30/00.

Frederick C. Gartz '71, 04/06/00.

Michael John Kennedy '71, 12/20/99.

J. Michael Layden '72, 03/20/00.

Daniel J. Hushek, Jr. '74, 04/29/00.

Genevieve (Gene) Causland, 5/5/00.

Donna (Mitchell) Mastandrea '84, 05/30/00.

Darrell Wilder '87, 12/98.

Reverend Raymond Zarate, C.P.P.S., 05/07/00.

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Class Notes

Reverend John M. Lefko, C.P.P.S. '32, recently sold 3,000 copies of his book *God is Good*. Congratulations!

John L. Dunn '40 retired from National Machine Company in 1985 after 45 years of service. He's still very active in his community and has two sons. He holds the title of the oldest active golfing member at his local country club.

George A. Ellspermann '47 and his wife Monica celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 10/22/99. They have four children, nine grandchildren and reside in St. Joseph, MI.

Roland G. Meinert, Ph.D. '53 retired from the social work field in 1995. The first 10 years of his career were spent as a practitioner and the last twenty-eight years he spent in social work education. Dr. Meinert and his wife, Shirley, were married in 1958 and reside in Columbia, MO. They have four children and five grandchildren.

Reverend Harold Brown, C.P.P.S. '55 is currently the pastor of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Glandorf, OH. They had 781 families when he started there in July 1996 and he has increased that number to 900. St. John the Baptist is the fourth oldest Catholic church in Northwestern Ohio.

Terence MacCarthy '55 was awarded the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit Professionalism Award. The award is sponsored by The American Inns of Court Foundation and recognizes dedication to the highest standards of legal profession, the Rule of Law and the demonstration of personal ethics and integrity.

Roy Swanson '57 was recently promoted to Assistant Regional Inspector General for the United States Department of Labor.

Lawrence J. Stark '57 recently spent 11 weeks in Southeast Asia—Bangkok, Phnom Penh, Saigon—searching for information on American POW's left behind after the Vietnam war. His interest in the POW issue stems from having spent five years as a POW in Vietnam. He currently resides in Bethesda, MD.

James J. Sobota '58 retired after 40 years as an auditor with the federal government. During his career he spent 18 years with the General Accounting Office in Chicago, IL and 22 years with the HUD Inspector Generals Office in

Columbus, OH. Jim resides in Upper Arlington, OH.

J. Michael Fitzmaurice '64 Committee E31 on Healthcare Informatics has awarded Fitzmaurice the 2000 Elmer Gabrieli Award for his meritorious contributions to the cause of voluntary standardization, specifically with respect to healthcare informatics standards. Fitzmaurice is a senior science advisor for information technology at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality in the US Department of Health and Human Services.

Joseph J. Haburjak '65 is the President and Owner of Balanced Portfolios, Inc., which specializes in retirement planning. He recently won the broker/dealer's Chairman's Club Award for the 10th year in a row. Joe and his wife, Karen, currently own homes in Lake Wylie, SC and Blowing Rock, NC.

Patrick J. Murphy '65 retired as varsity baseball coach at Valparaiso High School where he will remain on staff as a Social Studies teacher. During his coaching career his team won two Duneland Conference Championships and 13 Sectional Championships.

Edward D. Hoovler '69 has been selected as one of the 10-member 5 Points of Life 2000 bicycle team. The 2000 Ride will begin at the summit of Cadillac Mountain, Acadia National Park, ME on August 26 and will finish in Key West, FL on October 14.

William F. Murphy '69 was presented a 25-Year Service Award from the National Wrestling Coaches Association. He has been a head wrestling coach for 25 years in the state of Illinois.

Hugh Good '70 and his wife, Cynthia, will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary on June 27, 2000. The couple resides in Decatur, IL.

James M. Pulfrey '70 was recently promoted to Director of Curriculum Development at the US West Training Center in Lakewood, CO. He has also founded Men's Ministries at two parishes in Littleton, CO.

Jack R. Holbein, Jr. '71 is currently Commander of the Special Operations Command, Pacific, at Camp H. M. Smith in Hawaii. He has been selected to receive a Major General's star. Jack is a master navigator with more than 3,600 flying hours. His military decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Air Force

Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Army Commendation Medal and the Joint Service Achievement Medal.

John C. Maag '71 joined Peco II, Inc. as chief financial officer in February, 2000. Peco is a manufacturer of communications power systems. John resides in Mansfield, OH.

Frank W. Reuwer '71 had been named President & COO of USF Logistics in Long Grove, IL. Frank will take over the day to day operations and financial responsibility of USF Logistics in the United States and Canada.

Brother Hugh Henderson, C.P.P.S. '72 is an administrator of St. Mark Catholic Church in Cincinnati, OH.

John Jenkins '72 was recently licensed as master of steam, motor and auxiliary sail vessels on Great Lakes and inland waters by the United States Coast Guard. He presently serves as a Captain aboard "Appledore," home ported in Bay City, MI. "Appledore" conducts environmental education, sailing training and summer excursions on Saginaw Bay.

James Patrick Kenney '72 has been selected to receive the Greater Cincinnati Coalition on Domestic Violence Annual Award in the area of criminal justice. This award recognizes his commitment to the administration of justice in his courtroom as it relates to this key area of law.

Mary Ori Chernoski '73 will travel to Washington, D.C. to attend the prestigious Supreme Court Summer Institute. SCSi offers teachers the opportunity to study recent Supreme Court cases and teaching methodology for conveying this information to students. Sixty teachers were selected to participate in the project this year.

Jane Sroka Hern '75 has accepted a position with The Mayo Clinic at St. Luke's Hospital in Jacksonville as a social worker in the Liver/Kidney transplant program.

Larry Kline '78 recently accepted the position as Chief Operating Officer at ForTheFarm.Com located in Madison, WI. Larry and his wife, Roxanne, reside in Sun Prairie, WI.

Gerard Ramker, '78 was recently elected Vice President of the Board of Directors of the Bishop Noll Institute Foundation in Hammond, IN.

Douglas D. Knutson '79 has assumed the position of Athletic Director for the Porter Township School Corporation after teaching, coaching and serving as athletic director for 20 years for the North Newton School Corporation. He is also the new Men's and Women's Golf Coach at SJC.

James E. Gwyn, Jr. '80 is working as an assistant principal at Campbell High School in Smyrna, GA. Jim also serves as the school's basketball coach and led his team to the State Final Four this season earning him Coach of the Year honors for Cobb County, GA.

Ricardo M. Mancebo '80 is currently a National Account Director with the Bristol-Myers Squibb Pharmaceutical Company. Rick and his wife, Dorothy, reside in Coral Springs, FL with their three children Jennifer, 16; Ryan, 15 and Jonathan 11.

Kevin J. DeGroote, Sr. '81 is the owner of Kevin J. DeGroote, Sr., P.C., CPA in Scottsdale, AZ. He and his wife, Lacea, reside in Scottsdale with his son, Kevin, Jr., and are expecting a daughter in mid-September.

John Freiburger '83 is the principal of Freiburger Financial Group, a registered investment advisory firm. John and his wife, Jane, have four children, Keegan, 8; Luke, 6; Ian, 4 and William, 3 months.

Kenneth P. Stacy '85 is the Vice President of Operations for American Crane and Tractor Parts, Inc. Ken resides in Shawnee, KS.

Tim "Milo" Miloserny '86 is a Senior Account Executive for National Display Rack Systems. Tim and his wife, Lea Ann, were married at the south rim of the Grand Canyon with **Jim DeFalco '86** and **John (Orbs) O'Brien '86** in attendance. They reside in Chandler, AZ.

Elizabeth Daniel '87 has been promoted to Director of Administrative Development for MetLife Insurance.

Kelly Foster '87 has accepted the position of Senior Oracle DBA with LJT & Associates in Montgomery, AL.

Jeanette Klodzen '87 for the past 4+ years has been working as a software engineer for Motorola. Before working for Motorola Jeanette worked for Northrop/Grumman on various military projects and for a medical firm in Wisconsin. Jeanette resides in Elk Grove Village, IL.

Keith R. Miller '87 has been promoted to Treasurer with Mike Albert Leasing, Inc. in Cincinnati, OH. Keith, wife Nan and three children, Clay, 8; Amanda, 7 and Cole, 4 reside in Loveland, OH.

Jeff Verdeyen '87 was recently promoted to Manager, Engineering Projects at Motorola in Arlington Heights, IL. He now manages software development and deployment for the

Japan CDMA Project.

Phil Hayes '88 is the controller for American Service Insurance. He resides in Lockport, IL with his wife, Mary, and sons Conor and Declan.

Matthew T. Malcheski '88 works as a consultant for TUSC. He resides in Lombard, IL.

Mary Frances McVeigh Rowe '88 has been named Vice President of Reach Chicago, Inc., a newly formed department of the Hollinger-owned newspaper network in Chicago. In addition to the Sun-Times, Reach Chicago includes the Daily Southtown, Pioneer Press, The Doings, the Star and Post-Tribune of Northwest Indiana. Mary, her husband, John, and their two children, Caitlin and Maggie, reside in Chicago, IL.

Rick Fedder '89 was recently promoted into senior management at the Indiana Toll Road serving as Administrative Manager. He is in charge of human resources, labor relations and procurement.

Dene Mattocks '90 is the new Residential Mortgage Lending Specialist at Lafayette Bank & Trust in Rensselaer, IN.

Joe Shimala '90 was promoted to controller last fall at Liberty Savings Bank in Whiting, IN. He and his wife **Deanne Houston Shimala '91** reside in Whiting, IN.

Tim Stunda '90 is currently employed as Operations Manager with Village Earth Industries, LLC. Tim and his daughter, Morgan, 7 and son, Benjamin, 5 reside in Greenfield, IN.

Mike Carey '91 has started his own business, KC Sales, Inc. He has offices in Indiana and Texas.

Mark Randall '91 has taken a new position as Coordinator of Lay Ministry at St. Matthew Catholic Church in Champaign, IL. He and his wife, **Colleen Boyle Randall '92**, and daughter, Maeve, reside in Champaign, IL.

Deanne Houston Shimala '91 has been promoted to Tax Director of Federal Tax Consulting at CNA in Chicago, IL.

Matthew O'Brien '92 author of the novel *Chameleon: The March Madness Murders*, has published his second book, *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Online Buying and Selling a Home*. Matthew has been working in real estate since he graduated in 1992. It was the publication of his novel that caught the attention of *The Idiot's Guide* publishers.

Sheryl Klemme Christmas '93 has recently moved to Fort Lauderdale, FL with her husband, Patrick, to take a new position as Associate General Counsel for a medical technology start-up company, GMP Companies, Inc.

Brian Holleran '94 is a Senior National Account Manager with Winstar Wireless, Inc.

Bryan Underwood '94 is teaching special education in Davenport, IA. He ran in the 1999 Chicago Marathon and finished in 4:15:51.

Douglas Vis '95 is currently practicing podiatric medicine in Ashtabula, OH.

Phil Avery '96 has recently relocated to Wilsonville, OR.

Dena Jo Gaumer Camp '96 is currently working at Logansport High School in Discipline and has been coaching track for the past four years. Dena, her husband, Heath, and daughter, Cheyanne, reside in Logansport, IN.

Jacob Chapman '96 has moved closer to the Expos' camp as he begins playing with the Ottawa Lynx. The Lynx are a 3A-International team that feeds directly into the Expos' roster.

Amy Peiffer Wright '96 and **Ryan Wright '97** graduated from Indiana University Law School May 14, 2000. Amy is currently working for Barnes & Thornburg, specializing in Intellectual Property and Ryan is working for the Marion County Prosecutor's Office. Amy and Ryan reside in Indianapolis, IN.

Domenic Maciariello '97 is currently attending DePaul Law School and will be graduating in December 2000. Domenic resides in Chicago Heights, IL.

Erin Breetzke '98 received her Master's degree in environmental science from the University of Oklahoma. Erin resides in Norman, OK.

Bradley '98 and **Peggy McLeish Gellert '98** are residing in Tampa, FL. Bradley is a writer for a new financial magazine, *The Small Cap Profiler*, and Peggy is a Project Manager for Chateau Software out of New York.

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Renowned Scholar of Liturgy and Church Music Delivers Address at SJC

Saint Joseph's College welcomed Dr. Nathan Mitchell as the featured speaker for the July 28th Commencement exercises at the college. Mitchell is the Associate Director for Research at the Center for Pastoral Liturgy at the University of Notre Dame. His books include *Cult and Controversy*, *Mission and Ministry*, *Eucharist as Sacrament of Initiation*, and *Real Presence: The Work of Eucharist*. He also writes "The Amen Corner" in each issue of the journal *Worship*. As a part of the Saint Joseph's Commencement proceedings, Mitchell was presented the Lawrence F. Heiman Award for significant contribution in the areas of Church Music and Liturgy, an award that the college has presented annually since 1982.

Mitchell addressed the graduates by recalling the summer of 1966, when he arrived at Saint Joseph's College as a student to study music. He acknowledged that his experiences at Saint Joseph's College helped him learn that education is about "placing yourself in the path of beauty, putting yourself in exactly that spot where you know the comet will come hurtling straight at you, tumbling, swirling, sparkling with its brilliant trail of ice and dust."

Mitchell discussed the place of beauty in our lives and closed his address by calling to mind the responsibility that Christians have to help those in need. Because of this responsibility, he noted, we only fully experience beauty when we give it away. "As you graduate and say goodbye to your years at St. Joe's," he declared, "open your hands and hearts, and give it all away . . . As I said awhile ago, education is about placing yourself in the path of beauty; it's about craving and curiosity; it's about letting yourself be driven by desire—and, it's about giving it all away." Mitchell's address brought the audience to its feet for a long, standing ovation.